Govt asked to protect Ayun village from Chitral River floods

By Our Correspondent

CHITRAL: The residents of Ayun village, the gateway to the Kalash valleys, have demanded of the government to salvage the remaining part of the village from floods as the Chitral River has swept away about half of its agricultural land during the past one decade.

Talking to mediapersons here on Tuesday, chairman of Ayun-I village council Wajeehuddin and that of Ayun-II, Mohammad Rehman said that the residents of Ayun were highly apprehensive of the imminent devastation of their village, which was known across Chitral for its fertility, natural beauty, vast lands, abundance of water, and tourism potential.

They lamented that despite the continued erosion of a large portion of the land during each summer season for the past 10 years, no measures were taken by the provincial government to mitigate the situation.

They lamented that it was deeply regrettable that absolutely no steps were taken at the governmental level to safeguard these villages from the looming danger.

They said while there was talk of restoring the river's flow by clearing the debris accumulated at the junction of Ayun GoI, the machinery currently being used had failed to yield any significant results.

The residents said that huge boulders must be removed from the riverbed using heavy excavators to clear the path, ensuring that the river flowed unobstructed as before.

Shots fired at police post in Peshawar suburbs

PESHAWAR: Unidentified terrorists fired shots at the Adezai police post on the outskirts of the provincial capital on Tuesday; however, there were no casualties.

A police spokesperson said that the incident took place in the limits of the Mattani police station at around 12am. However, the attackers escaped the scene after the police personnel promptly responded to the firing.

He said that a large number of police personnel rushed to the area following the incident and launched a search operation. Besides, he said that security had also been beefed up following the incident. — Bureau Report

Motorcyclist killed in Mohmand gun attack

MOHMAND: A man travelling on a motorcycle was killed and a child riding with him suffered injuries when unidentified attackers opened fire on them in Aman Ghundi Miangan village of Safi tehsil here on Tuesday.

Locals said that the deceased Mir Rehman, 22, and a six-year-old boy, Usman, were going on a motorcycle when the gunmen opened fire on them in the jurisdiction of Lakro police station.

Mir Rehman died on the spot, while young Usman sustained serious injuries.

Rescue 1122 medical teams reached the spot soon after the incident and shifted the injured boy and the body to the District Headquarters Hospital, Ghallanai. Police registered a case and launched an investigation. — Correspondent

A MAN tries a cap at a shop in Jahangirpura Bazaar, Peshawar, on Monday. — APP

Governor asks CM to stop advocating Afghanistan's case

Urges Afridi to focus on capacity building of police, CTD

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Tuesday asked the provincial government to focus on the province instead of advocating the case of Afghanistan.

Addressing a press conference at the Governor's House, he criticised Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi for demanding proof about Afghan soil being used against Pakistan and said that instead of demanding evidence from the Centre, Mr Afridi should better ask the same question from the KP police chief.

He said dialogue should not be held with the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan as it did not accept the Constitution and law of the land.

Mr Kundi said the province required peace and development and to make this happen, the provincial government, the opposition, the Centre and other stakeholders should sit together.

He said the provincial government instead of focusing on 'divisive rhetoric' and acting as 'representatives of Afghanistan' should focus on the province and talk to the Centre for development funds.

He said CM Afridi while sitting in Karachi was asking the Centre for evidence about Afghan soil being used against Pakistan. "I ask him to get briefing on this count from the KP police chief," Mr Kundi said.

He said Afghan nationals were involved in attacks on Police Training College, Dera, Cadet College Wana and Frontier Constabulary Headquarters in Peshawar.

He said China, Tajikistan and Iran had also raised the issue of Afghan soil being used for terrorism. Besides, he said Pakistan had also stated that India and Israel were using Afghan soil for terrorism in Pakistan.

He said KP police were the best force in the country but they could not fight terrorism with 'bare hands'.

He questioned how much of the one per cent of the divisible pool the province was getting for war on terror was spent on training, gadgets and other weaponry of the police department.

Mr Kundi asked the provincial government to do capacity building of the police and the Counter-Terrorism Department.

He questioned how many police stations and police lines were built in merged districts, and the Khasadar force, which was merged into the police, wasn't trained to bring it on a par with the regular police.

Mr Kundi also criticised the federal government for failing to give a mega development project to the province over the past two years. He said the federal government needs to support the KP people.

He said the projects, including Chakdarra-Chitral Road, Chashma Lift Canal, N-55 Motorway from Dera to Kashmor were stuck in the slow lane.

"Federal government needs to make the people realise that it stands with them," he said. Besides, he said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif should also visit Peshawar and other parts of the province.

Mr Kundi said the Sindh government had not stopped the KP chief minister from any activity.

He said Pakistan Peoples Party leadership had trained its workers to give political space to other parties, but the PTI indulged in propaganda that it was stopped from carrying out political activities in Sindh.

IDPs verification centre relocated from Tirah to Bara

KHYBER: The district administration relocated centre for verification of internally displaced persons from Bagh Maidan in Tirah valley to Sandana in upper Bara on Tuesday owing to interference in the process by workers of different political parties and so-called social activists.

Sources told *Dawn* that the Bara assistant commissioner, Talha Rafiq, and tehsildar Daud Afridi along with their subordinate staff had to abandon their official responsibilities of verifying families for payment of transport fare after repeated exchange of harsh words and accusations of mismanagement at the Bagh Maidan centre.

They said that security officials too were not happy with the 'pandemonium' at the verification centre and politely conveyed their message to the district administration for relocating of the centre to a safe location to avoid any untoward incident in Bagh Maidan area.

Sources said that administrative staff first shifted the centre briefly to Dwa Thoye checkpoint but presence of people near the post was also resented by security officials posted there.

They said that eventually the district administration shifted the centre to Sandana, close to a health unit with temporary arrangements for verification.

Sources said that the process of shifting the centre from Bagh Maidan considerably slowed down the verification process with nearly 1,000 families had to wait along the roadside in bitter cold.

Sources in Sandana told *Dawn* that the assistant commissioner of Bara and his subordinate staff established a temporary centre in an open compound along the main road with no protection from harsh weather and no provision of electricity.

Authorities had earlier decided to begin the process of verification of new IDPs along with payment of Rs22,000 as transport fare to every family. — Correspondent

PSRA starts action against schools operating on holidays

PESHAWAR: Private Schools Regulatory Authority has started legal actions against three private schools for opening the schools despite winter vacations.

The elementary and secondary education department has announced winter vacations from 1st January till 15th January in the summer zones and from December 22, 2025, till February 28th, 2026, in the winter zone.

On the directions of the managing director PSRA, Javed Iqbal, an inspection committee was constituted comprising Syed Faizan Ali Shah, assistant director (AD), and Muhammad Roshaan, assistant, KP-PSRA, according to a statement issued here on Tuesday.

The committee was tasked with inspecting private schools in Peshawar to assess compliance with the winter vacations notification, following the receipt of complaints through various channels.

During the inspection, the committee visited the following private schools and found them operational during the notified winter vacation period including The Educators School Rahatabad Campus, Ittefaq Model School and College, Chamkani and The Knowledge School, Chamkani.

The aforementioned institutions were found opened in violation of the winter vacations notifications issued jointly by the Elementary and Secondary Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and KP-PSRA vide notification dated 19-12-2025.

The private schools were warned to implement the ibid notifications time and again but they did not pay any heed and continued to open the schools. — Bureau

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EXTENSION IN BID CLOSING & OPENING DATE

2. Reference our Tender Notice(s) published in newspapers on **13.12.2025** and **24.12.2025**, it is notified that the bid submission/opening dates of the following cases are extended as follows:

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1.	OGDCL-SCM-FB-CB-DRLG-D-305531421-2025	5-1/2" HIGH COLLAPSE CASING	19.01.2026 AT 1100 Hrs
2.	OGDC-SCM-LBF-CESS-AUDITORIUM-307262855-2025	RENOVATION OF OGTI AUDITORIUM AND CONFERENCE ROOM AT I-9. ISLAMABAD	20.01.2026 AT 1130 Hrs

3. Bidders who have already submitted/sent their proposals (bids) may take them back and re-submit the same before the revised closing date and time mentioned above.
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Peshawar Safe City project to be completed by end of this month

CM says technology-driven initiative to lay groundwork for lasting peace

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Safe City project will be completed by January 31, officials said on Tuesday.

During a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sohail Afridi here, the officials said "parallel work" was under way in Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu and Lakki Marwat to introduce surveillance networks and command and control systems in phases, according to an official statement.

The meeting was called to review the province-wide rollout of the Safe Cities Project, focusing on its operational progress, planned expansion, and the legal and institutional framework required to support it.

The participants examined how the initiative is being positioned as a core pillar of the province's public safety and law-enforcement architecture.

They reviewed progress on the Safe Cities Project in Peshawar, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu and Lakki Marwat, covering surveillance infrastructure, phased system activation and the establishment of the integrated command, control and communication centres.

Officials said installation of cameras and supporting infrastructure was under way across major roads, intersections and key entry and exit points in the provincial capital.

They said under the project, 88 locations in Dera Ismail Khan, 76 in Bannu and 47 in Lakki Marwat were being brought under camera coverage, with those three districts set to go live by the end of January.

The officials said PC-I for the Safe Cities Project had been finalised for Karak, Tank and North Waziristan districts, while preparatory work, including site identification and security assessments, had already been completed.

They said a dedicated implementation framework for the merged districts was also discussed, taking into consideration the terrain, security conditions, infrastructure gaps and operational requirements.

The chief minister said following the completion of ongoing projects, the Safe Cities network should be expanded to the remaining divisional headquarters in a phased manner, guided by security priorities, population concentration and operational feasibility.

The meeting decided that in order to make full use of existing surveillance infrastructure, the CCTV cameras installed at hotels, commercial plazas, residential areas, housing societies and other private premises would be identified, mapped and integrated into the Safe City network in line with technical standards, legal requirements and privacy safeguards.

Cameras installed in educational institutions, particularly schools, will also be linked to the system wherever feasible. With the scope of the project expanding rapidly, the Chief Minister also directed that proposals be submitted for the establishment of a Safe Cities Authority, according to the statement.

The chief minister said the framework must address governance, lawful use of surveillance data, admissibility of digital evidence in investigations and court proceedings, data protection, citizens' privacy, inter agency access and the recruitment and training of technical personnel so that the project rest on strong institutional foundations.

He ordered a 24-hour solar energy supply for Safe Cities infrastructure in the merged tribal districts, saying extending modern technology to remote and sensitive areas is a key priority of the provincial government.

Mr Afridi said the Safe Cities initiative would be rolled out across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in phases, adding that maintaining law and order and protecting the lives and property of citizens remain the government's foremost responsibility.

He said the technology-driven project would significantly enhance crime prevention, enable faster response and strengthen the operational capacity of law-enforcement agencies, laying the groundwork for lasting peace in the province.

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With reference to the **Pre-Bid Meeting held on 07 January 2026,** and in light of the **clarifications received through EPADS,** it is hereby notified for the information of all prospective bidders that:

The **Bidding Documents and Evaluation Criteria have been revised / updated** in accordance with the clarifications discussed and received.

The **updated Bidding Documents and Evaluation Criteria have been uploaded on EPADS.**

All interested bidders are advised to **visit EPADS and review the updated criteria** before submission of their bids.

The Tender Submission Time is **23-01-2026 at 11:00 AM,** and the Tender Opening Time is **23-01-2026 at 11:30 AM.**

All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

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